BIO:

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DESCRIPTION:

Understanding giftedness is essential to working effectively with gifted students in the classroom setting.  This session is designed to increase one’s knowledge about giftedness and address some of the ways to make your classroom and school a positive learning experience for gifted students.

During this session the participants will:

         Learn about the characteristics of gifted people

         Discover how development plays out differently in gifted people

         Discuss the many differences within the population called gifted

         Find out the differences between gifted students and high achievers

         Discover why some of the characteristics of giftedness can make life difficult for gifted person

         Learn about the role of intelligence in giftedness

         Learn how poverty can affect achievement in gifted students

         Explore the variety of service options for gifted students

         Become familiar with how to “Mini-Program” for individual gifted students